

DELIVERING FOR NORTH QUEENSLAND



Queensland Budget 2025–26

QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT



1,600 police recruits with stronger laws and new programs to turn kids away from crime.



15 new schools and \$300 in vouchers for education essentials and kids' sport.



3 new hospitals and 10 major upgrades. More free healthcare than ever before.



Boost to Buy delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders with a new nation-leading home ownership scheme to reduce the deposit gap.



Major Bruce Highway upgrades and new road and rail projects to get you home sooner.



DELIVERING safety where you live

→ Crime Prevention Schools

Supporting the establishment of Crime Prevention Schools to re-engage youth who have disengaged from mainstream education at risk of falling into crime, including in North Queensland.

→ Crisis Response for Victims Domestic and Family Violence

Delivering a new Townsville-based hub to help double the capacity of the Womensline and Mensline helplines to support victims of domestic and family violence.



DELIVERING health services when you need them

→ Townsville University Hospital Expansion

The Townsville University Hospital will be expanded with at least 165 new overnight beds as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

→ More health workers

More frontline health workers for North Queensland, with additional funding in 2025-26 to grow the workforce to 6,378 (FTE) in Townsville Hospital and Health Service.



DELIVERING a better lifestyle through a stronger economy

→ More Social and Community Housing

\$89.1 million to expand and improve social and community housing in North Queensland, with 160 social homes in construction or under contract towards the delivery of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044, including in partnership with the Australian Government.

→ Palm Island Home Ownership

Working with Palm Island Council to create new housing pathways and give residents the opportunity to own their own home where they previously haven't been able to.



DELIVERING a plan for Queensland's future

→ Thuringowa State High School hall air conditioning

Delivering air conditioning for the multipurpose hall at Thuringowa State High School.

→ Angus Smith Drive Roundabout

Delivering upgrades to the Angus Smith Drive roundabout in Douglas to unlock congestion and unlock potential for growth at the university and the hospital.



To see what is being delivered in North Queensland, visit the **interactive map**.

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Safety where you live



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Crisis Response for Victims Domestic and Family Violence

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Additional District Court Judge for Townsville

Delivering an additional District Court Judge plus ancillary staff, as part of the Faster Justice Plan.

Community Gro - Garbutt Youth Hub

\$1.8 million to provide young people with a safe environment and an opportunity to foster positive relationships with each other, staff, volunteers and mentors.

Palm Island multi-agency community safety facility

\$27 million for the new multi-agency community safety facility at Palm Island.

Townsville Watchhouse

Addressing maintenance issues and upgrading the Townsville Watchhouse.

Making Queensland Safer laws rollout

\$7.2 million over 4 years to provide additional justice system resourcing in Townsville to support the implementation of *Making Queensland Safer* laws.

Kirwan police facility

\$45 million for the new Kirwan police facility.

Enhancing the Victim Liaison Service at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

\$11.6 million over 4 years to enhance the support provided to victims of crime across the state by the Victim Liaison Service.

Regional Reset Program

Commencing delivery of 9 short stay programs for youth who are demonstrating high-risk behaviours, including in North Queensland.

Ayr Replacement Permanent and Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Station Land Acquisition

\$2 million to acquire land for the replacement of a permanent and auxiliary fire and rescue station at Ayr.

Health services when you need them



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CT scanner at Ayr Hospital

Making additional CT services for referred patients available in Ayr.

Charters Towers staff accommodation

Safe and fit-for-purpose staff accommodation in Charters Towers, as part of the Hospital Rescue Plan.

Townsville University Hospital's HVAC System mid-life refurbishment

\$49.8 million for the refurbishment of the Townsville University Hospital's HVAC Systems, as part of the newly uplifted Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance Program.

Kirwan Health Campus

\$53.2 million to expand the Kirwan Health Campus to deliver midwifery community clinics, dental services, refurbishment to the existing facility and additional car parking.

Townsville University Hospital car park

Fast-tracked multi-storey car park with opportunities for local builders.

A better lifestyle through a stronger economy



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Palm Island Home Ownership

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CCTV camera replacement – Charters Towers

\$23,000 to support Charters Towers Regional Council to replace ageing CCTV cameras at 9 sites to improve coverage, functionality and surveillance response. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Aplins Weir Park, Townsville

\$750,000 to install a new public toilet at Aplins Weir Park, Townsville including power, water and wastewater to site.

Playground shade installation at Taylors Beach

\$200,000 to install shade cover over playground equipment at Taylors Beach beachfront to improve sun safety and support all-day recreational use. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Burdekin Regional Water Assessment

\$5.5 million to assess long term infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions to meet the water resource needs of the Burdekin region. Part of the National Water Grid Fund, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

Greenvale Community Hall upgrades

\$39,000 to replace heavy doors at Greenvale Community Hall with lighter, ergonomic options to improve accessibility and safety. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Home Hill Swimming Pool upgrade

\$2.1 million to upgrade the Home Hill Swimming Pool with new water filtration, heating and reticulation systems to improve safety and usability. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.



Forrest Beach walking track

\$200,000 to expand the foreshore walking trail at Forrest Beach from the hotel to the boat ramp, improving access and recreational opportunities. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

Borello Park upgrades, Lucinda

\$50,000 to plan and design Borello Park redevelopment, including playground replacement and reprofiling to protect against sea level rise inundation. Part of the permanent Works for Queensland Program.

A plan for Queensland's future



CopperString

Delivering the CopperString transmission line from Townsville to Mount Isa connecting the Queensland North West Minerals Province to the national electricity grid.

Angus Smith Drive Roundabout

Delivering upgrades to the Angus Smith Drive roundabout in Douglas to unlock congestion and unlock potential for growth at the university and the hospital.

Palm Island Master Plan Investment

\$4.9 million over 4 years to support Palm Island tourism, including the development of cultural and ecotourism opportunities.

Games On! Burdekin Netball

Delivering facility upgrades at the Burdekin Netball Association, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Games On! Ingham Tennis Complex

Delivering stage 1 of major upgrade works at the Ingham Tennis Court Complex, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Mundingburra State School security fence

Installing a new security fence at Mundingburra State School to keep local kids safe.

Thuringowa State High School hall air conditioning

Delivering air conditioning for the multipurpose hall at Thuringowa State High School.

Games On! Greenwood Park

Delivering upgrades to Greenwood Park Sporting Complex fields in Kirwan, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.

Abandoned Mine Lands Program

\$32.3 million to continue the management and mitigation of significant public safety, health and environmental risks at high-risk abandoned mine sites.

Townsville State High School

Upgrading Townsville State High School's existing hall into a performing arts centre.

Charters Towers Central State School

\$500,000 to refurbish Block D at Charters Towers Central State School.

Kirwan State School Multipurpose Hall

Extending the Multipurpose Hall at Kirwan State School.

Cungulla Recreational Fishing and Social Club

\$60,000 for upgrades at the Cungulla Fishing and Social Club.

Games On! Jabiru Park

\$1.6 million for Jabiru Park baseball field to upgrade lighting and to build female change facilities, as part of the \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Program.



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